

### **REMARKS**

The claims have been amended in order to more completely describe and distinctly claim the invention and to overcome the various grounds of rejection set forth in the Official Letter. Inasmuch as no new matter is embodied by the proposed amendments, entry thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's remarks in paragraph 2 of page 2 of the Official Letter are duly noted. Applicant's interpret these remarks to mean that the Examiner no longer objects to the phrase, "silanol terminated derivative".

The Examiner's remarks in paragraph 3 of page 2 of the Official Letter are well taken. References to copolymers have been removed from the claims.

The indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner is gratefully acknowledged. By the above amendment applicant has sought to render the claims free from the rejections set forth in the previous Office action.

The rejection of claims 4 and 6-13 under 35 USC 102 or 35 USC 103 over Evans is believed to be obviated by the above amendment whereby most of the Examiner's suggestions for amending the claims to overcome the prior art have been adopted. However, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner may have mistakenly required deletion of the phrase, "silanol terminated derivatives", therefrom in light of the indication in paragraph 2 of page 2 of the Official Letter that the Examiner no longer objected to the definition. Otherwise, the claims have been amended to avoid the prior art as noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 1 and 3 over Kobayashi under 35 USC 103 is also believed to be obviated by the above amendment, whereby the Examiner's suggestions for amending the claims to overcome the prior art have been adopted. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants have earnestly endeavored to place this application in condition for allowance and an early action to that end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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